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SIR:

In response to the final Office Action dated April 4, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A composite hollow fiber membrane comprising three or more layers of membrane comprising a three-dimensional net structure comprising a plurality of micropores comprising stacked lamella and micro fibrils connected with the stacked lamella, wherein

one or more dense layer(s), said dense layer(s) being thinner than an outermost layer and an innermost layer and said dense layer(s) comprising micropores of a mean pore